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Defence Challenges Crown In Extradition Case

"I challenge Mr. Lonsdale to say that all the evidence adduced in this case he could indict any man."

"A 100 years ago the rule of a scintilla of evidence being sufficient was exploded and I will go so far as to say that the facts of this case are only consistent with Mr. Hsu's innocence."

So said Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, when he made his submissions before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday in the extradition case.

Mr. Potter said that his submission would be overlapping the submission already made by Mr. Leo Varnam, KC, that there was no time to answer.

Mr. Eldon Potter was representing Hsu Ching-tak, who is wanted by the Chinese Government for alleged embezzlement of funds from the Chinese

General and Savings Bank and who is facing extradition proceedings.

Hsu is also defended by Mr. Leo d'Almada KC, instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva, Mr. A. Lonsdale is for the prosecution whilst Mr. Peter H. Sin is for the Chinese Government.

Commencing his submissions yesterday, Mr. Potter said there was not then nor is there now any cause for his client to answer and that the magistrate even after he had ruled that there was no case to answer, could change his mind, even after the case had been put to the jury.

Facts Twisted

He added with all due respect, that the ruling the magistrate made was perhaps a blessing in disguise, because it had brought about that remarkable cross-examination where there was no suggestion as to the guilt of the fugitive on any of the three charges.

Not one of the crucial points in these charges had been touched upon by Mr. Lonsdale, he said, and it was possible that Mr. Lonsdale felt that as honourable gentleman, he should in the state of the prosecution, not put the crucial points to Hsu in cross examination.

He would like to believe that those were Mr. Lonsdale's honourable motives.

He submitted that he would not be merely defending Hsu but would be the accuser against the Nationalist Government of China in having produced perjured witnesses and twisted the true facts of the case.

Mr. Potter said that in the darkest days of the history of the colony, when it was under the heel of a ruthless enemy, Hsu, in June 1942, at the request of Mr. Gibson, took Government documents out of the colony for despatch to the British Government.

Had he been caught, said Mr. Potter, his fate could easily be surmised and he is now the man. Crown Counsel is charging as a common thief.

No Proof

Continuing, he said that it is now suggested by the Nationalist Government of China that this

LAST TWO DAYS GILMANS MOTOR SHOW

Crown's Position

At the time interval people must have been discussing how much of that HK\$5,700,000 went to Leo, how much to Potter and how much to Marcus.

He had several preliminary points to make, said Mr. Potter, in regard to the position of the Crown in extradition cases.

The Crown, he said, is merely the mouthpiece of the Chinese

Australia Day Celebrated

Australia Day was celebrated in Hong Kong with a cocktail party at the Hong Kong Hotel Annex, attended by more than 400 people.

Leading the many distinguished guests was the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

Mr. H. Franklin, Acting Australian Trade Commissioner, who was host of the function, informed the gathering that it was the 16th birthday of Australia. Australia, he said, re-affirmed her loyalty and devotion to the King and acknowledged her faith in the continued prosperity of the British Empire.

Government and in spite of what Mr. Lonsdale had said, he must ensure the attendance of witnesses for cross-examination.

Mr. Lonsdale should have told the Nationalist Government of China "You must ensure the attendance of witnesses, otherwise the Crown will wash its hands of the matter."

Mr. d'Almada had applied for postponement in his cross-examination of Hung Po-fat, but Mr. Lonsdale opposed, and the magistrate in the proper exercise of his discretion granted the postponement.

Thus Hung Po-fat did not turn up and the authorities made it clear that his evidence was inadmissible, and again did not tell him that at a later stage the Nationalist Government could not, even if they wanted to, send him back to complete his evidence by cross-examination. If Mr. Lonsdale was as gullible as to believe that, he for one would not.

Two Versions

Supposing, said Mr. Potter, that Hung's evidence was admissible, he had told in the morning one story and in the afternoon, after the fifth adjournment, probably after a chat with an emissary of the Nationalist Government, he asked for leave to change his evidence and gave a diametrically opposite version.

Which version were they to accept, were they to toss the coin for it, heads for one version and tails for the other? Crown Counsel, he said, was not there to win a case, but to see that justice was done.

Continuing, he said that Mr. Lonsdale alleged that Hsu, broke foreign exchange regulations, but this is that relevant to the case of larceny?

He had looked, in vain for a suggestion by Mr. Lonsdale that this is relevant and he failed to connect a breach of foreign exchange regulations with the larceny of the bonds.

He would ask Mr. Lonsdale to what issue this evidence of breach of foreign exchange regulations was directed and how can it be preferred to prove the larceny of the bonds unless it was merely for the purpose of killing Hsu.

Miserable Case

Again, he said, why was not a Central Bank official called to prove the point.

He said he could tell because everyone knew and he will prove it out of their own mouths that the Central Bank had in fact given approval.

What a miserable way, said Mr. Potter, of proving their little miserable case and if this is the way the Nationalist Government of China conduct their affairs then, he said, "God help China."

Further hearing of submissions was adjourned to 9 a.m. today.

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One of the largest hauls of wireless transmitting sets was made by a police party, under Sub-inspector J. W. McDonald, on Monday night when, in a raid on the Chung Hing Store, Kowloon Island, Lot 1167, Tai Kok Tsui, radio sets and four oscillators were seized.

When Chan Yau-shun, aged 45, was charged before Mr. W. A. Bligh-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with possession of the sets without a license, Mr. D.B.S. Grew, Chief Inspector of the Telecommunications Department, asked for a very serious view to be taken of the case.

Mr. Grew said that he had checked up on defendant's story that the sets were left in his place by a friend, and found that these sets had not been entered in the relevant books.

The friend, said Mr. Grew, was a licensed dealer in radio. The authorities believe, but could not prove, that this man has been dealing in telecommunication sets and was in the habit of purchasing and selling such sets without troubling to enter such transactions in his books.

As to the present case, continued

Mr. Grew, he was quite convinced that defendant was connected with the licensed dealer and that the sets were sent to him premises for safe keeping. This verb, he believed, to be dismantled, later and re-constructed into telecommunication sets and sold to unlicensed stations.

Defendant pleaded that the sets were bought by his friend, at an auction sale, and left in his premises. The friend, he said, in reply to the court could show them away any time he wanted to do so. They had been there for about three weeks.

After defendant had been fined the maximum of \$3,000, Mr. Grew informed the court that as the serial numbers had been taken off, he was not in a position to say whether the sets had actually been bought in an auction or stolen from the Royal Air Force.

The court ordered the sets to be confiscated to the General Post Office. It also ordered that 25 per cent of the fine, if paid, be given to the informer.

Judgment In Tenancy Case Reserved

Judgment was reserved at the tenancy dispute yesterday in connection with premises at No. 4 Minden Avenue, Kowloon.

The applicants, Humphreys Estate and Finance Company Limited, of second floor, Alexander Building, claim that 4 Minden Avenue was let on a monthly basis to a Mrs. Tam Kai-ling on condition that no sub-letting or assignment of the premises would be made without the written consent of the applicants.

Applicants alleged that Mrs. Tam Kai-ling was no longer residing at the premises, but had transferred the tenancy to another, Wong Man, the 53-year-old mother of witness. They searched the old woman and took some money and gold rings from her.

The litigants then tried the hands of the inmates behind their backs, and gagged them, with the exception of witness's wife. Before leaving, the robbers said, "Keep quiet. Let us go." Witness and his relatives released themselves, and sent the female servant out to report to the police.

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Police Arrest Alleged Robber In 24 Hours

Within 24 hours of the crime, Detective-constable Yip Ching-tak of Shamshui-po, arrested one of the men alleged to have participated in an armed robbery at 24 Boundary Street on January 7.

The man, who was pointed out to the detective by one of the victims, was taken off a bus near the 18½ mile post, Castle Peak Road, and, when searched, was said to be in possession of some of the stolen property.

At the conclusion of the trial proceedings yesterday, the man, Man Kan alias Man Tang, 26-year-old mason, was committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Bligh-Kerr on the charges of armed robbery by two or more, and possession of an unlicensed automatic pistol.

Detective-constable C. Dowman represented the police. Defendant was not legally represented.

Mr. G.A.R. Wright-Nooth, Divisional Superintendent, said that at the identification parade held at Shamshui-po on January 10, accused was identified by Ng Hung-fong who said, "When I was taken out from my room by another man, I saw this man guarding my wife and sister-in-law in the front part of the house." None of the other witnesses picked out.

Mr. Ldm. Siu-cheung, interpreter, said that when charged on the count of armed robbery accused replied, "Fel Tsai (Fat Boy) Hung took me there to rob. All the things were taken away by Fel Tsai Hung." To the count of possession of arms and ammunition accused said, "The Mauser pistol did not belong to me. It belonged to Fel Tsai Hung."

That both the revolver and the Mauser pistol were in fair working order and capable of being fired and that neither of them had been fired for a long time, was the evidence of Sub-inspector J. G. MacMillan, police armourer. Ng Hung-hai, aged 31, stated that he lived at 24 Boundary Street, first floor, with his wife, mother, brother, and a female servant.

At 9 a.m. on January 7 he heard someone knocking at the door. When the door was opened by his wife, a man armed with a revolver and knife was inside and attacked him into the front cabinet.

Outside the door of that cabinet, said witness, he saw accused keeping guard with a Mauser in his hand. In the room he saw his wife. So Lai, the servant, and the painter were soon brought to the cabinet. They were interlocked by his brother, Ng Hung-fong, who had his hands tied behind his back.

Demanded Money

The three men then asked him for the money. He told them that he had none and asked them to "Go and search." Two of them left the room but returned soon after and threatened to kill him if he did not divulge the hiding place of the money.

At that moment the street bell rang and accused went to open the door. He returned shortly after with Wong Man, the 53-year-old mother of witness. They searched the old woman and took some money and gold rings from her.

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Restrictions on the fresh water supply will be lifted during the Chinese New Year holidays.

A Government spokesman said yesterday the full supply will be given on the strand and the Mainland between 6 a.m. on Saturday and 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Heavy Sea Caused

Ship Fire

Heavy rolling in rough seas off the Panama Canal caused spontaneous combustion among bales of cloth aboard the American steamer Pioneer Wave, which arrived here yesterday.

The resultant fire forced the steamer to dock at Christobal for four days for inspection of the damage.

A few dozen bales of cloth were burnt. The majority of the cargo in No. 4 hold, scene of the fire, was intact.

Nobody was injured.

The Pioneer Wave met heavy seas for the greater part of her trip from the United States.

The fire occurred when she was about to enter the Panama Canal. Using 62 foams, the crew promptly put out the smouldering bales.

Alongside the dock at the Panamanian port, the cargo was "baled" and the damaged bales taken out.

The vessel loaded more than 400 small bags of Shanghai and had about 1,000 tons of general cargo, 257 tons for the Colony.

The Pioneer Wave will leave for Manila today with five passengers, who arrived here by the RMS Canton recently.

FIRE-DAMAGED SHIP HERE

The ss. Riverside arrived here last evening for repairs to her fire-damaged crew quarters.

The Canada Asiatic Line steamer caught fire while she was at Takao on January 16, when the crew quarters were gutted by fire.

The Riverside remained at Kowloon Bay last night and may go into dock shortly.

Manager of the Ritz Garden, at King's Road, Leo Choi-fat was summoned before Mr. K.C.C. Lam and Mr. Horace Lo, at Central yesterday for allowing the dance hall to be used for dancing at 1.35 a.m. on November 21, 1948 with out obtaining an extension permit. The fine was \$50 was imposed.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m. Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m. HKVDC Mobile Column, Reunion Dinner, China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.

HK Art Club sixth monthly exhibition, Helena May Institute, 3 to 7 p.m.; annual general meeting, 11 p.m. Associated Properties Limited, statutory meeting, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

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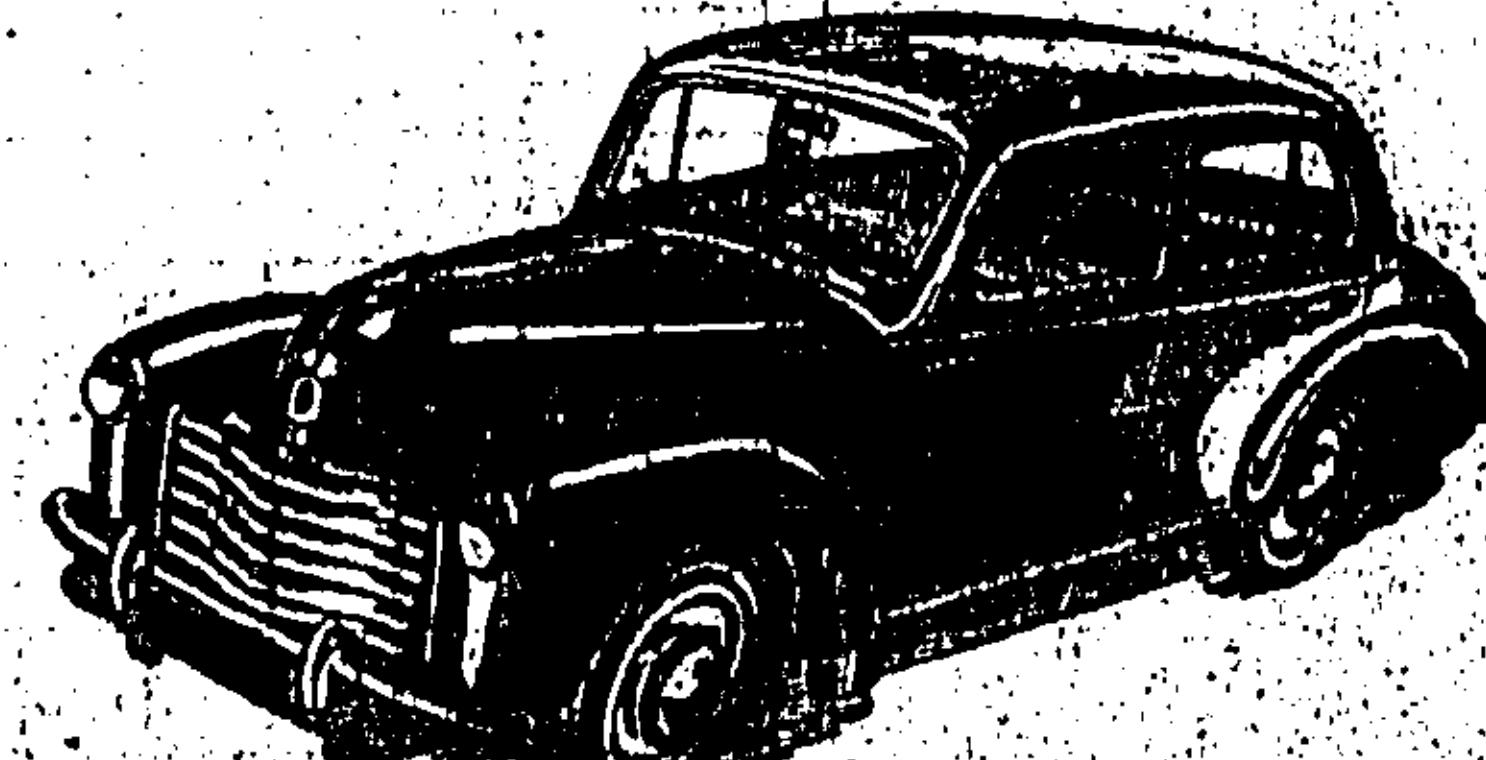
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Explanation Wanted

Sir.—Apropos your editorial in view of the continued silence of the Government and/or the Police Commissioner on the subject of wholesale police dismissals, I reiterate: What offence have these police officers committed that they should be dismissed after three years of faithful service, and why are they and the public denied the moral right to know the reason for their dismissal?

Presumably, in the eyes of the Government, the reason whatever it is, is good and sufficient. Cold consolation indeed for middle-aged men who are sacked out of a clear sky, and I again state emphatically that each officer should be advised personally

of the reason for his dismissal, and without further delay or shilly-shallying.

I for one am aware that the men concerned are not guilty of any criminal offence, but one would not think so to hear the various theories advanced as to the reason for their dismissal. The reputation of the officers concerned is being unnecessarily blemished by the Gestapo silence of the Government on this vital question. Idle gossip is having a field day at the expense of the dismissed men. Conjecture as to the reason for their dismissal ranges from the malevolent down to a lame "well, they must have done something; even police officers are not dismissed except for a very good reason."

If the Government, and I the Commissioner, think that like Caesar's wife they are above suspicion in their motives and actions, and have no explanation to offer, then let it be said: At least the public will come to the realisation that the rights of the individual are non-existent, at least so far as the Colony of Hong Kong, is concerned.

J. M.

A Challenge

Sir.—In the columns of the "China Mail", Mr. W. Hope Gibson, after a dog-watch in the Colony, issued the somewhat surprising statement, that I for one will not permit to go unchallenged. He states that Hong Kong has a good market for Australian goods, but Australian business men here, "seem somewhat asleep in exploring the possibilities. I came from Australia some fifteen months ago to explore possibilities, and specifically to sell Australian goods. For all the success that I have achieved in this direction, not to mention time, trouble and money wasted, I might just have well have beaten my thick skull against a brick wall."

When Mr. Gibson, has been around the Colony, she heard, as I have heard, the many slashing indictments directed against Australian goods, i.e. bad packing, goods not up to sample, is but to enumerate two complaints among many. When he has talked with department store managers and directors, and has heard what they have to say, he may have occasion to review his opinion.

In my personal experience I can tell Mr. Gibson of the Melbourne firm who offered Darwil fibre, (used in the manufacture of brushes), and scrubbing brushes. The firm in question were kind enough to send me samples of the fibre and of the brushes which they also manufacture. The fibre was superior to that currently imported from India, and the brushes were of infinitely better quality than those of local manufacture—only the question of price remained. At the time of sending the samples the firm advised that if I was interested they would give me tentative quotations.

On Sunday, I wished to go to Shanghai by the morning train; I went to the station and found times of local trains had been altered. Had this been done, why, where but in Hong Kong, to a Government Dept., one would have quite naturally expected that the Public would have been informed.

Then, having reached Shanghai by car, and having made sure what the return times of the new service were, I thought we were safely fixed for a comfortable journey back. Not a bit of it. There was only one coach divided for 1st and 2nd class, and about two 3rd class coaches.

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The No. 7 Godown of the Ching Hwa Company, at 22 Praya, Kennedy Town, had 15 drums of caustic soda in storage on October 8.

The Lee Hong was delayed at Canton last week for about an hour when information was received of a passenger being arrested.

Train Service

Sir.—I would like to comment on a gross piece of inefficiency on the part of a Government Dept., but hardly with the hope that any effective reply will be made. I have been too long in Hong Kong to expect our "biedest servants" with their ingrained contempt for the public convenience, to do anything effective.

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CHINA MAIL POST

HORRORS OF HOME LIFE

London, January 25. Free nylon stockings, "New Look" uniforms and hotel-type accommodation are being offered as recruiting incentives to nurses by nine London hospitals, at Bermondsey and Southwark.

Under the New Deal for nurses, each nurse will have her own room tastefully furnished in attractive shades, a bedside table lamp and concealed washbasin. There will be communal laundries and shampoo rooms fitted with electro hair-drying machines.

Nurses who have friends to visit them may take them to the guest room where television will be installed.

The hospital hope their New Deal arrangement will bring 300 extra nurses to their staffs.—Reuter.

Airlines May Fly Again

Shanghai, January 26. The Chinese airlines are seriously contemplating the resumption of services between Communist-held Peiping and Shanghai in response to a radio message from the people of Peiping, according to the China Press today quoting official quarters.

Inquiries at the airline offices elicited the information that the request for the restoration of the Peiping-Shanghai service was radioed here by civic representatives in the Northern city.

The message assured the airlines full protection and no interference by the Communist military headquarters in Peiping.

One airline is said to be planning a test flight to Peiping as soon as suitable radio communications are restored there.

Airline officials here indicated it appeared that the Communists would permit the use of the captured West field of Peiping for the resumption of the regular service.

This airfield was previously employed as a major airline base in North China.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.62 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band. H.K.T.

19.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 19.35 p.m.—"From the Films". 1.00 p.m.—Daily "Mayer" (Plane) and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel", Albert Band and the Palm Court Orchestra with Phillip Hately (Baritone) (BBC). 2.00 p.m.—"Music Down".

6.00 p.m.—"Programme Summary".

6.01 p.m.—"Children's Story: 'The River Bandit'" by Elston Trevor (BBC). Episode 2: "Night Encounter".

6.15 p.m.—Interlude.

6.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"Programme Summary" (BBC). 7.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs".

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10 p.m.—"Vocal Recital by Julia Lee (Soprano) and Richard Lin (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment by Betty Drown" (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—"Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 21 (Chopin)" by Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano with the London Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Music from Argentina.

9.15 p.m.—"Book Review by Catherine Scott-Moncrieff" (Studio).

9.30 p.m.—"Old Story of Simon Ode", A Mystery Serial by Letter from the Author. 11. "Death at Pentecost" (BBC).

10.00 p.m.—"News Real" (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—"Weather Report".

10.16 p.m.—"Thursday Bernarde", A Programme of Continuous Music.

10.45 p.m.—"Weather Report" and "Close Down".

ASSAULT AGAINST BRITISH OFFICER

London, January 25. Sir John Graham Kerr, Conservative, asked the War Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, in the House of Commons today if he was aware of outrages against Europeans in the Suez Canal Zone culminating in a young officer being stripped and left for dead.

He asserted that the enclosure of the wives and children of British troops within barbed wire defences and caused indignation, and asked for a reinforcement of the European police.

Mr. Shinwell replied that he knew of the attack on the officer and of a few other isolated assaults.

The encircling of the wives and children within the perimeter of their camp, he said, was a security measure designed for their protection.

Even if more police were available, complete safety could not be guaranteed against attacks outside the camp.—Reuter.

Deep-Sea Research Off PI

Sydney, January 25. A Danish Government scientific expedition will next year carry out deep-sea research at the Mindanao depths in the Philippines, where the ocean bed is 35,400-feet below sea level, the greatest depth ever charted.

Dr. Anton Brunn, Keeper of the Copenhagen University's Zoological Museum, announced this today when passing through Sydney on his way to a conference of New Zealand scientists, said that the expedition would also track the deepest parts of the Australian and New Zealand coasts.

He said that the Danish Government had already equipped the main expedition ship with special equipment, including a steel trawl with nine miles of steel cables, attached.

It was hoped to get the steel not down four miles and bring up unknown creatures which would open completely new fields for scientific research.

A similar expedition in 1938 found off the South African coast a five-foot creature which scientists believed had been extinct for many thousands of years, Dr. Brunn said.—Reuter.

SHIP TRAFFIC TO NORTH CHINA

Shanghai, January 26. The Shipping Guild reported it is prepared to send representatives to Piping for negotiation with the Communists on resumption of shipping traffic between Shanghai and Tientsin.

The action is believed undertaken to meet the challenge of foreign shipping firms, who recently were reported planning to reopen shipping connections to the North China port.

The local guild has called on the Communist leaders in North China, asking permission for their delegates to proceed to Piping and incorporating in their request an appeal for the preservation of exclusive Chinese navigation rights along the China coast.—Associated Press.

Briton Charges Crime Against Germany

Berlin, January 25. Mr. J. R. Campbell, a British Communist leader, told a Congress of the German Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party (SED) today that the Western powers, by splitting Germany, are committing a crime not only against Germany but also against the peace of Europe.

Mr. Campbell, who brought fraternal greetings to the Congress, said the struggle for a united democratic Germany was essential for the recovery of Germany and for the whole of Europe.

Herr Otto Grotewohl, joint Chairman of the SED, told the 550 delegates that the purpose of the Congress is to help develop a new type of party on Marxist-Leninist lines.

Visiting delegates came from France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Austria, Britain and the East European countries.

The press was not admitted to the Congress.—Reuter.

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White House Blamed

Washington, January 26. U.S. Representative John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, yesterday blamed the White House and the State Department for what he described as the failure of American foreign policy in the Orient.

Mr. Kennedy, son of former Ambassador to Britain Joseph Kennedy, told the House of Representatives that continued insistence that aid would not be forthcoming to China unless a coalition government was formed with the Communists was a crippling blow to the National Government.

He added: "This House now must assume the responsibility of preventing the on-rushing tide of Communism from engulfing all of Asia." Associated Press.

Grenier pointed: "My argument is that Kravchenko quoted at great length from economic arguments that are obviously ridiculous."

He argued that a former worker and Communist could not have written an anti-Russian book like "I Chose Freedom."

Claude Morgan, one of the defendants, said that the information contained in the articles about which Kravchenko complained came from an American journalist, "Slim Thomas." He gave no further identification, but added: "I have great confidence in him."

Replies to a question by Kravchenko's lawyers as to how he got witnesses from Russia to come to Paris, Morgan said: "The Soviet Union is not a closed country. There are post offices and other such agencies. We have good relations with our Soviet friends."

Kravchenko had a geography test when Grenier made a page-by-page criticism of "I Chose Freedom."

Grenier said that on page 70 of the French edition there was a

Libel Case Over "I Chose Freedom"

Paris, January 25. Today's hearing of the libel case brought by the Russian author of "I Chose Freedom," Mr. Victor Kravchenko, centred upon a verbal deal between the author and M. Fernand Grenier, member of the French Communist Party, a witness for the defence.

Mr. Grenier read out a passage describing the town of Ashikhabad as having its name changed to Stalingrad. He produced a map of the Soviet Union and said Ashikhabad had never had its name changed. There was a Stalingrad, but it was over 800 miles away.—Reuter.

PAL Flight To Tokyo

Manila, January 26. A Philippine Air Lines DC-6 took off at 8.30 this morning from Manila International Airport on the inaugural flight to Tokyo.

Aboard the plane were 85 high government officials, business executives and newspapermen.

After the inaugural flight, PAL will conduct weekly trips between Manila and Tokyo, stopping at Okinawa.

Passengers in the inaugural flight to Tokyo include the roving Ambassador, Mr. Manuel Gallego; the Consul General in Australia, Mr. Manuel Alzate; the Customs Commissioner, Mr. Alfredo de Leon; the Immigration Commissioner, Mr. Engracio Fabro; Colonel Andres Soriano, PAL President; Commander Charles Parsons, of the Luzon Stevedoring Company, and Mr. Gil Puyat, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines.—United Press.

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HIROHITO'S ANNIVERSARY

Tokyo, January 20. Japan's first couple are celebrating their Silver Wedding anniversary today.

Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako were married here 20 years ago today, over the opposition of some high-ranking Court officials who favoured the daughter of another clan.

One official of that time spread a rumour that Nagako was colour blind, the inference being that any Imperial children might be similarly afflicted.

The Imperial couple will observe today's anniversary quietly. The top main features of the day will be luncheon and dinner with their six children and the Empress Dowager.

The pair will be hosts at an afternoon tea party for incumbent and former Court officials.

The Imperial household says Hirohito and Nagako will decline any private or public gifts or tributes commemorating the anniversary. —Associated Press.

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Smuts Proposes No-Confidence Vote

Capetown, January 25. General Smuts moved a vote of no confidence in the South African Government in the Assembly today, declaring that South Africa was faced with a grave economic position besides a racial situation of extreme gravity.

"I am afraid that the significance of what happened in Durban (he was referring to the recent Durban riots) is not to be realised," he said.

"That was a unique phenomenon. It is a situation pointing to forces on the move in South Africa and to signs of conflict and friction amongst the various sections of the population. It is the trend of affairs that asks, what is going to happen to our multiracial population."

General Smuts announced on January 21 that he would move a motion today stating that the House disapproves the policy of the Government to segregate and

the existing parliamentary rights of the native and coloured peoples without a direct and unmistakable mandate from the people of the Union and by a two-thirds parliamentary majority, as is provided by the entrenched clauses of the constitution, and expresses its want of confidence in the Government."

General Smuts thanked Prime Minister Dr. Daniel Malan for his "very full and explicit statement on the unhappy occurrences in Durban."

He said: "My only regret is that there has not been an opportunity for making a statement because no doubt a great deal of the trouble the Prime Minister has referred to has been due to the absence of any authoritative statement on what has happened."

Replying to an intervention by Mr. C. R. Swart, the Minister for Justice, who said: "We made a statement in Durban and gave figures," General Smuts said: "Yes, up to a point, but not giving the whole picture as the Prime Minister has done."

"Although these events are very big and dangerous, I hope the country will be reassured that the storm is probably passed."

General Smuts criticised the Government's intention of abolishing the native representation in the Assembly and removing coloured voters from the voters' roll.

He said the argument was that Parliament, under sovereign legislative powers, repealed the South Africa Act without a two-thirds majority.

The South Africa Act was not a British act, but the most solemn one South Africa had ever passed and it was surrounded by sentiment and feeling, he said. It was a matter of good faith and South Africa's honour and should be prized as the work of South African statesmen.

The debate on the no-confidence motion is expected to last four days. —Reuter.

Appeal To Empire

St. Johns, Newfoundland, January 25.

Counsel for former members of the Newfoundland Legislature, who are taking legal proceedings in an attempt to prevent confederation with Canada, is taking their appeal to the Privy Council in London—the supreme Appeal Court in the Empire.

This step follows the Newfoundland Supreme Court's rejection last Saturday of an appeal from a dismissal of the case by Justice Dunfield.

The members had taken out a writ against the Commission of the Government seeking an injunction to prevent the Commission from taking further steps towards confederation. The writ also contended that the Government had no right to pass the Acts which led up to the signing of an agreement for union with Canada.

Another outstanding action to prevent confederation is the "Liberation Bill" of Sir Alan Herbert, British Member of Parliament, which has been prepared for submission to Parliament.

He claims that the majority in last July's referendum on confederation with Canada was too slender and that confederation was not in the best economic interests of Britain and Newfoundland. —Reuter.

LONDON MUSEUM GETS THE BIRD

London, January 25.

Mr. H. Cecil Smith, of Llantwit, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, has given his collection of 4,001 specimens of British Birds to London's Natural History Museum; the Evening News reported today.

Mr. Smith collected the birds while on forestry service in Burma before the war. —Reuter.

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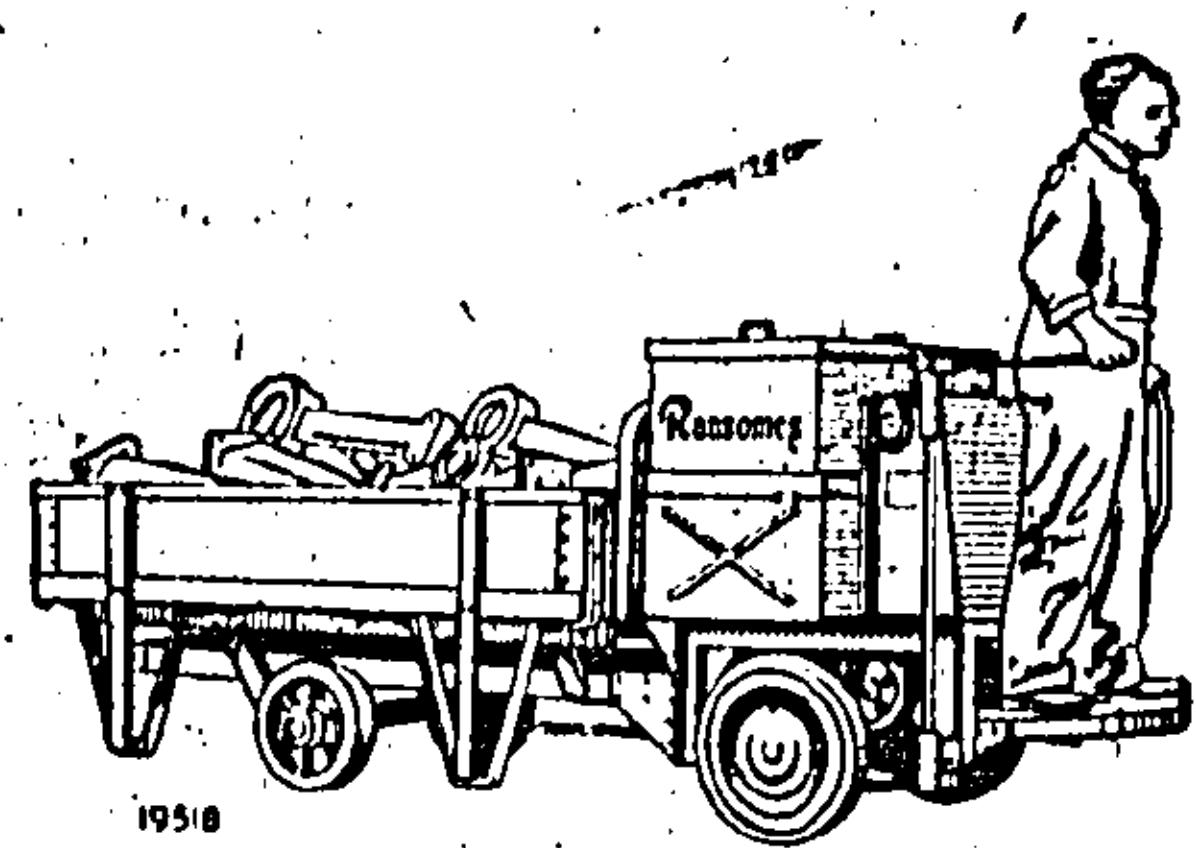
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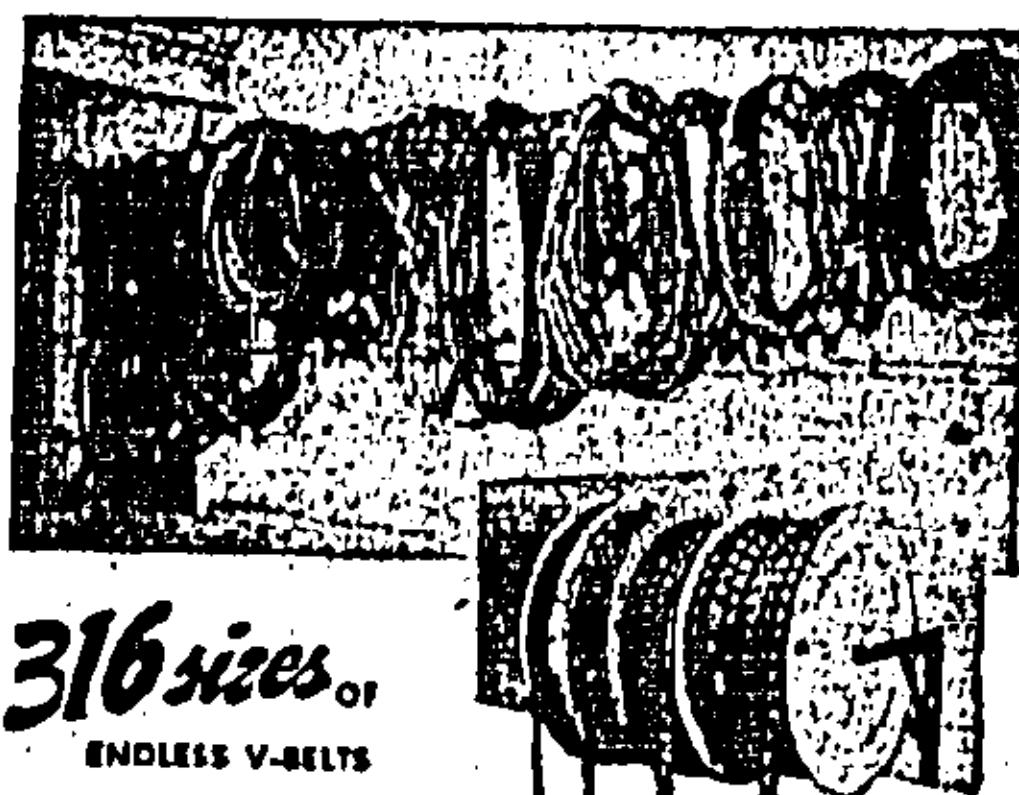
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BRITISH MACHINE TOOLS

How Britain is excelling in the postwar production of highly complex machine tools was amply demonstrated recently when members of the Siamese Purchasing Mission visited the works of the two Manchester firms of H. W. Kearns & Co., and George Richards & Co.

At the H. W. Kearns works the visitors saw the demonstration of a light-weight horizontal boring machine of a type which cannot be procured from any other part of the world. It is big enough to do any job of facing, boring, milling or drilling likely to be needed in automobile repair shops and all small components in railway workshops. It is also small enough and light enough to be shipped in a single packing case ready for erection on the floor of the works where it is to be used. It needs only connection with the electric mains supply to go straight to work.

This light-weight machine has brought orders to Britain from all parts of the world including the United States. It weighs less than a ton and a half but will drill a hole an inch in diameter into cast iron at a rate of half an inch per minute.

Push Buttons

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Among the countries which have already bought small type boring machines is Colombia but the same factory has had a long connection with the Far East. Orders are now in hand for Hong Kong, Burma, Malaya and Ceylon in addition to several machines for Indian Railways. Last year customers included China and most of the countries of Latin America.

At the works of George Richards & Co., members of the Mission were shown the first example of electronic control of a machine tool for shaping and finishing railway wheels. They saw it skinning the surface of a railway wheel of hard steel at the rate of 240 feet per minute.

The machine is a prototype. Production on a full scale has not yet begun but already some of the leading British manufacturers of railway wheels are eager to install it in order to speed up still further British production for the railways of this country and the rest of the world.

The Managing Director said that one of the minor problems his experts are trying to solve before they go into full production is that of the waste steel which flies from the cutting tool too fast to be easily disposed of. The advantage of the machine is that it cuts time for machining a wheel to about half the time required by older machines. This great increase is obtained by adaption of the knowledge of electronics gained by British industry during the war to peace-time uses.



Sergeant-Major James Lambert, M.M., explains a model of a construction bridge to Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, and Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff. The exhibition is part of a recruiting campaign to increase the nation's auxiliary services.

WIND-TUNNEL BUILT TO TEST MODEL BRIDGE

Inside a specially-designed wind-tunnel at Thurlow, Bedfordshire, England, Mr. Alfred Barnes, Britain's Minister of Transport, recently saw demonstrations of the effect of wind forces on a 52 ft. model bridge.

In the first demonstration, a form of bridge dock similar to that of the ill-fated Tacoma Narrows which culminated in the State of Washington, USA, was used, and the alarming vibrations which culminated in the destruction of that bridge in 1940 were reproduced in the model.

Then the form of dock construction was changed, and the improvement in the behaviour of the model compared with that of the first type was immediately apparent. The experiments now being started will determine the final design of the proposed bridge over the River Severn, which will be the largest suspension bridge in Europe and the third largest in the world.

When the wind blows against a suspension bridge, vibrations may be set up in the platform, which will be communicated to the cables and in turn to the towers. These vibrations can increase in size to a point where the bridge fails completely, unless proper precautions are taken in design.

Aerodynamics

Early in 1946, Britain's Ministry of Transport asked the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to undertake an investigation into the aerodynamic behaviour of suspension bridges, with particular reference to the design of the proposed Severn Bridge. The work was undertaken in the Aerodynamic Division of the National Physics Laboratory of the D.S.I.R. and since then experiments have been going on at the laboratory at Teddington, near London. Much time has been spent in investigating the behaviour of models of short lengths of deck platform. From these, it has been possible to reject certain types of construction, because they proved to be unsafe even in normal wind conditions of frequent occurrence. Gradually the form of construction most likely to be safe was determined: the next step was to build a complete model bridge, so that the results of the section trials could be finally checked.

A special wind tunnel had to be built for the full model tests, for no tunnel big enough to take the model existed in the United Kingdom. A model of the tunnel itself had to be made and tested to determine the precise shape and details of construction; this having been found, construction of the tunnel itself started in the autumn of 1946, and the work was completed in the summer of 1947. Since then careful observations have had to be made of the air flow in the tunnel, and at the same time construction of the bridge model has been under way.

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The maximum wind speed which can be attained in the tunnel is about 14 m.p.h., but the effect of this on the model is equivalent to the effect of a wind of about 140 m.p.h. on the full-size bridge. This is a high wind speed—much more than has been recorded in Britain—but it is important to investigate safety at moderate as well as high speeds, for the Tacoma Bridge failed in a wind of only 40 m.p.h.

A second model will have to be built, due course, which will approximate much more closely the final design of the Severn Bridge; this will incorporate certain changes of detail.

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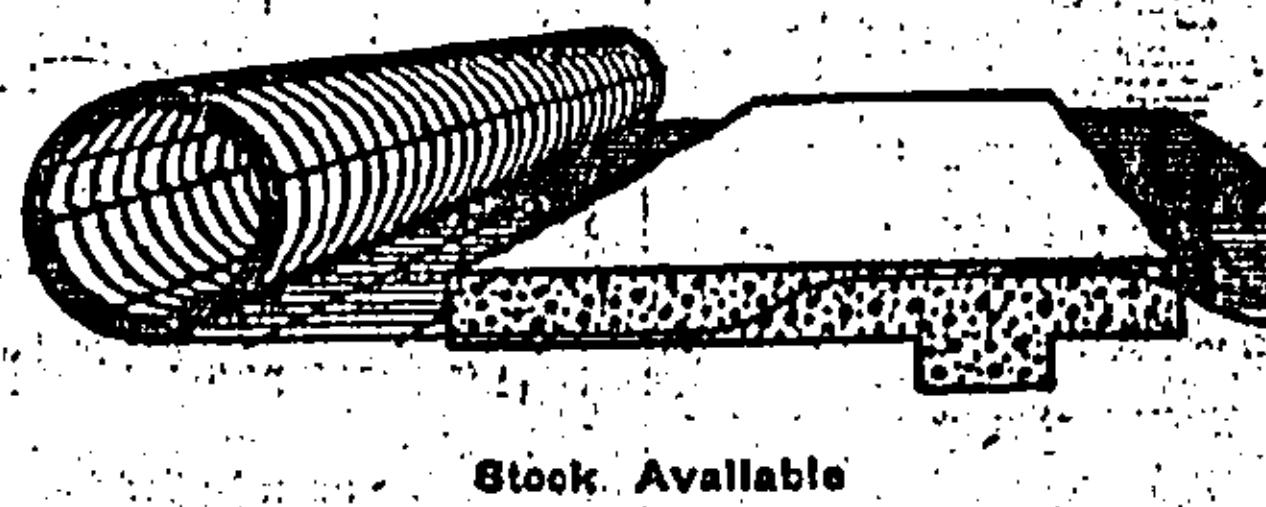
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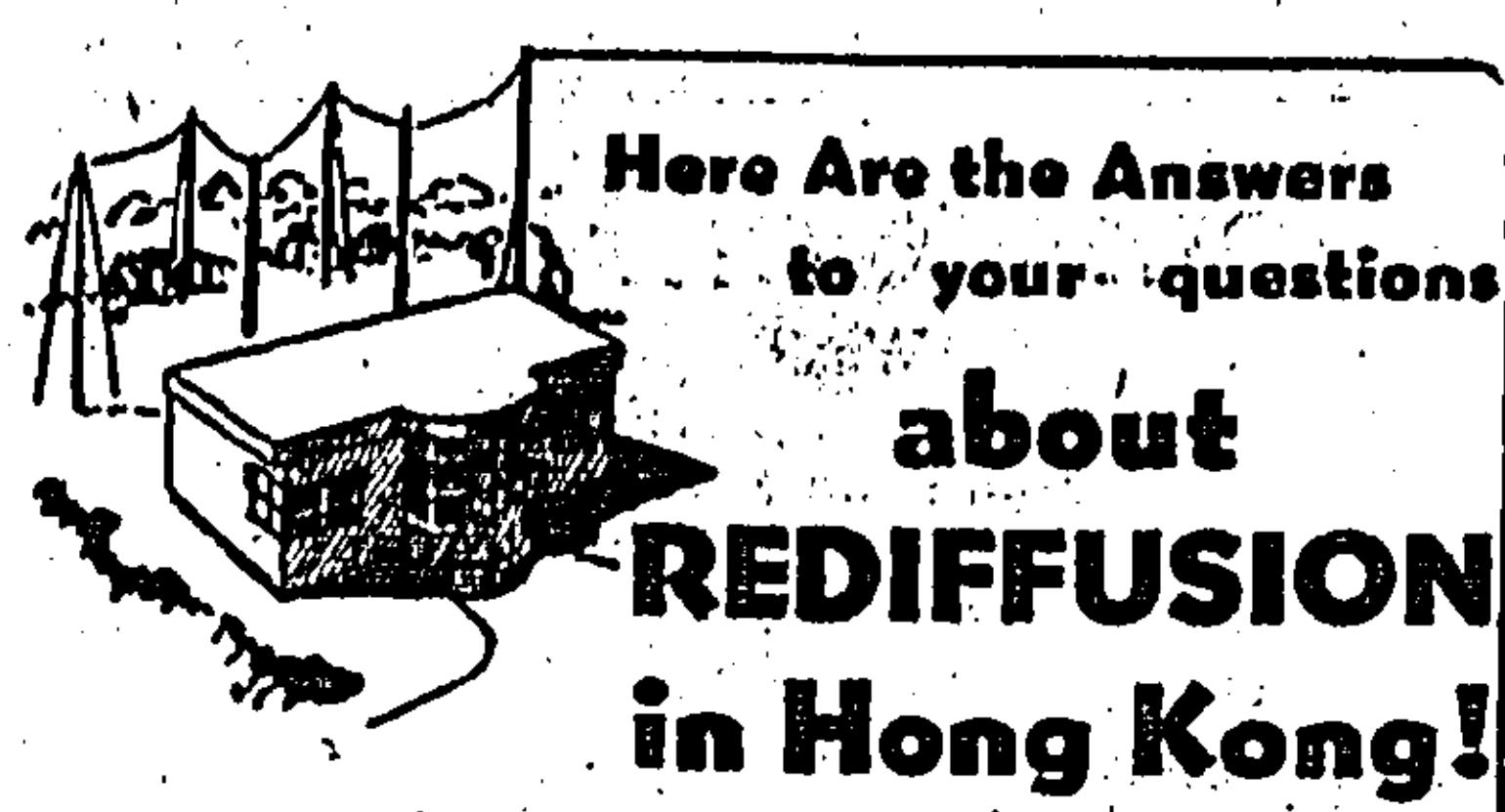
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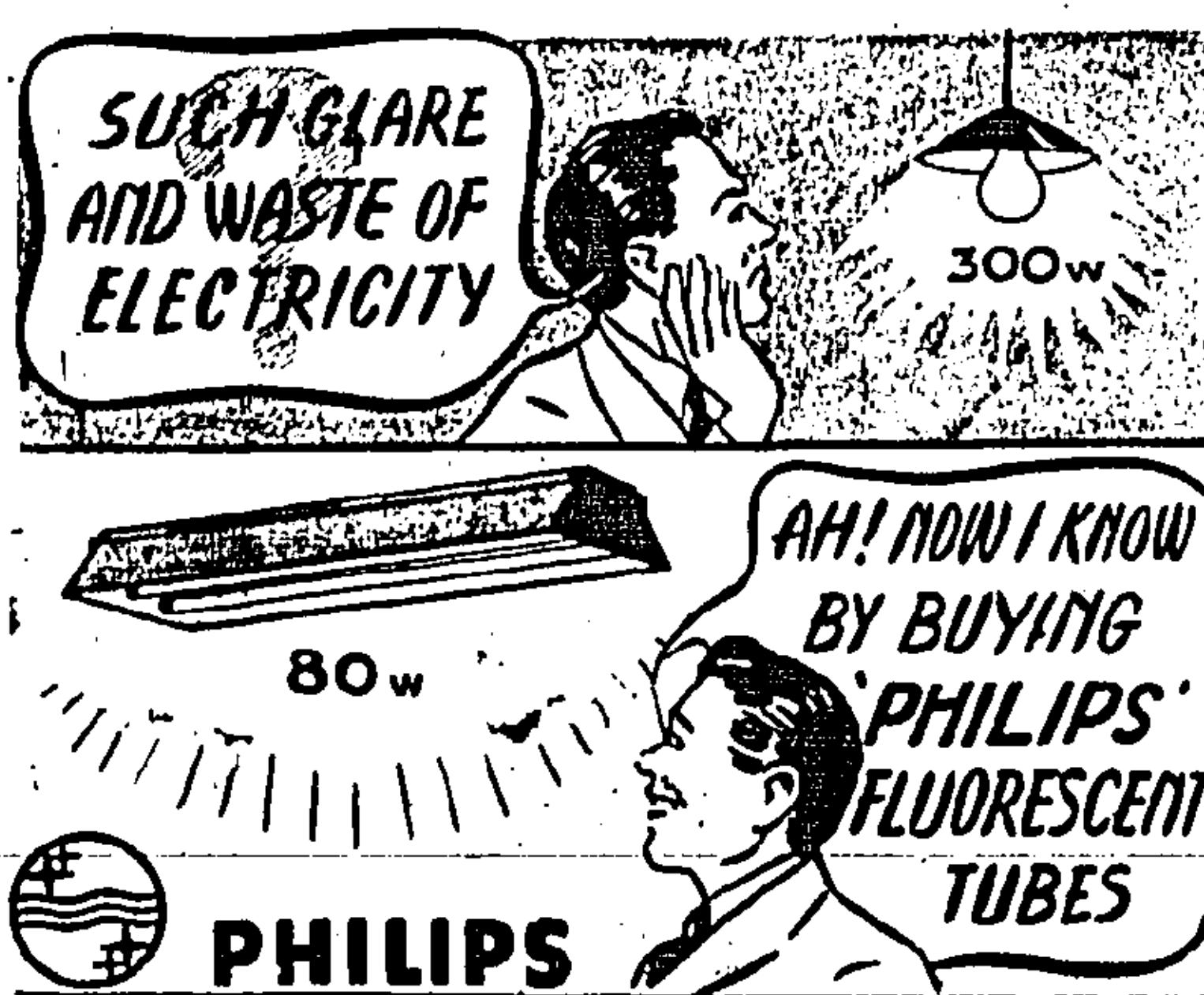
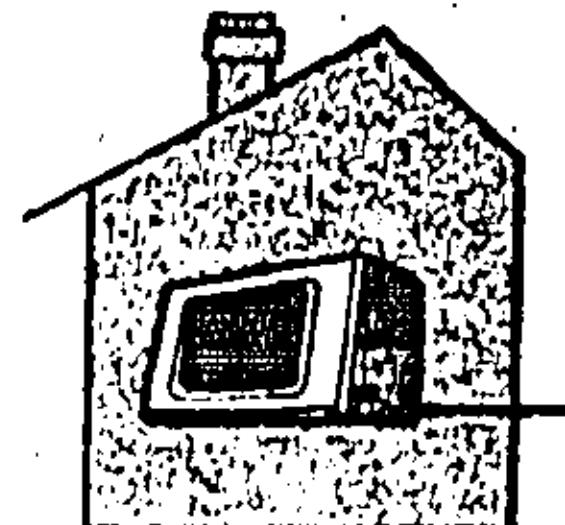


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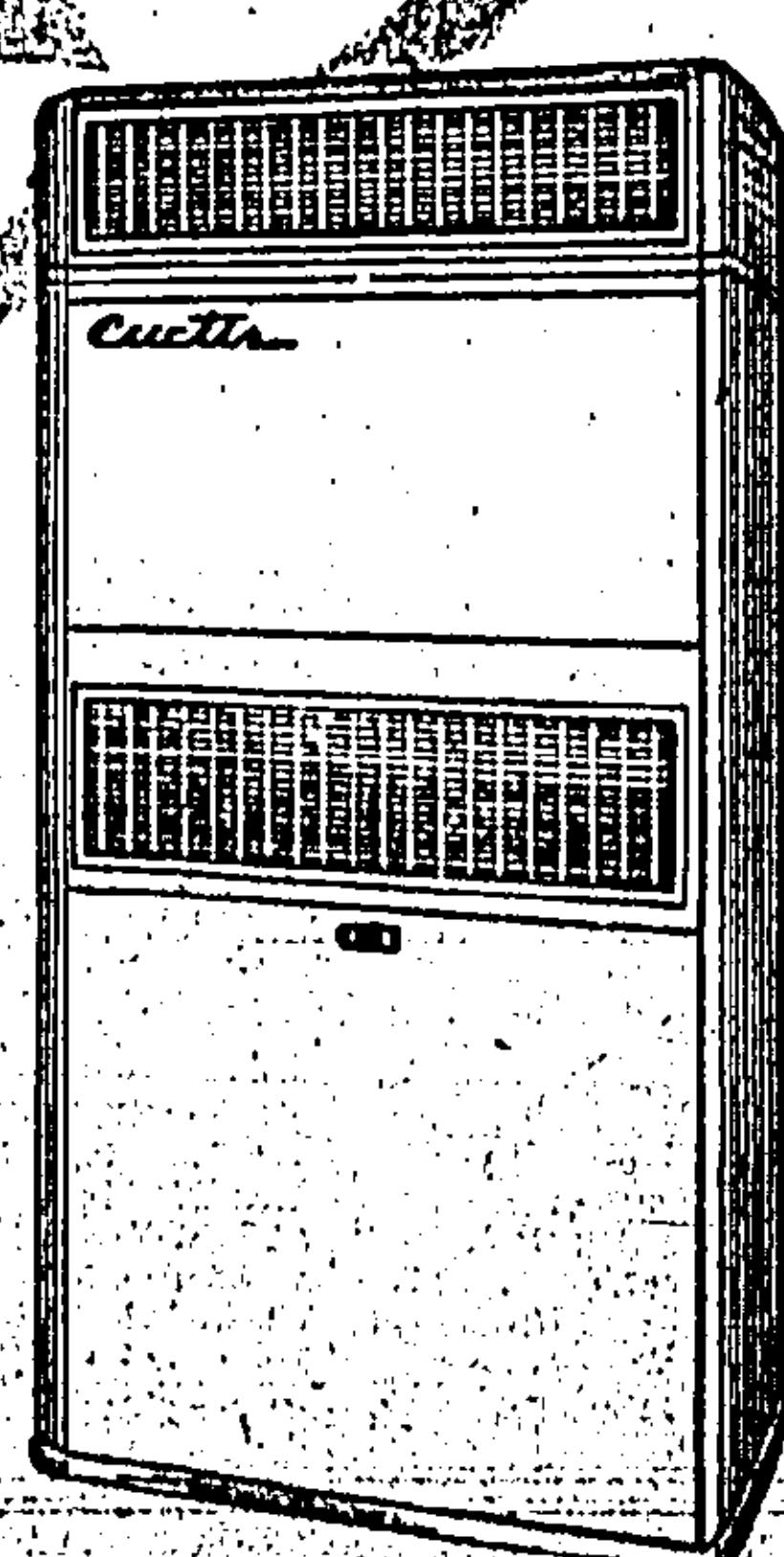
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BEVIN SAYS MARSHALL PLAN NOT DIRECTED AGAINST RUSSIA

Claims Only Aim Is Salvation Of Europe

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ARMY THREAT IN PORTUGAL?

Lisbon, January 25. Portugal's War Minister, Lieutenant Colonel Santos Costa, declared tonight that if revolutionary atmosphere develops out of the current Presidential election campaign, "the Army will have a word to say."

The candidates in the election, to be held on February 13, are 70-year old Marshal António Oscar Carmona, the Government Party (União Nacional) incumbent since 1926, and 61-year old General Luís Norton de Matos, who demands free elections for a National Assembly which would draw up a new Constitution.

General de Matos has described his candidature as a fight against the present regime in Portugal, to establish democracy.

—Reuters.

ECA SUPPLIES STILL FLOWN INTO PEIPING

Peiping, January 26. America's ECA brought a plane load of medical supplies today for free distribution to hospitals and clinics in this Communist controlled city.

The supplies, consisting mainly of penicillin and sulpha drugs, will be distributed by an ECA panel of Chinese doctors.

No Insignia

The plane, which was chartered by ECA from the China National Aviation Corporation, did not bear the usual CNAAC insignia.

Captain Raymond Bowes, of Buffalo, New York, who piloted the plane here from Shanghai via Tsinling, said this was because it was under ECA charter.

In helping all Nationalist arms and ammunition were being concentrated in depots for handling over to the Communists, who are

still pulling wires from behind the scenes.

The Reds apparently do not intend to come into the open until the joint administrative committee, consisting of four Reds and three Nationalists, is formally installed.

Various Nationalist organisations, such as the Chinese Government Information Office, still are under their original direction.

J. C. Sun, who was appointed director of this office when the siege began, is in a plight which typifies that of many other officials.

Bleak New Year

He so far has not received any funds to pay himself and his staff, who consequently face a bleak Chinese New Year.

Censors are still those which the Nationalists appointed when they instituted censorship in Peiping on January 1, but they are quite intransigent about their work.

They take three or four hours for lunch or dinner while correspondents fume and frit and their messenger boys wait restlessly.

A Nationalist official apologised for them by saying: "Of course they are demoralised. I suppose we all are."

Communist currency has yet to itself, though it circulates freely make its appearance in Peiping outside the city.

Money Market

Dealing in United States currency, gold bullion and silver dollars have been brisk since cease-fire day, January 22, with wide and rapid fluctuations.

Everyone is trying to guess what rates of exchange the Communists will establish, and every rumour on this subject of which there are several score a day, disturbs the market.

Many different types of Communist currency are in circulation in Hopei Province, apart from Peiping, and as each has a different value confusion is very great.—Associated Press.

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Pianist Beats Deadline

New York, January 25. The German pianist, Walter Gieseking, departed at 10:15 a.m. deadline set by the immigration authorities.

Asked by reporters if he was disappointed at returning without a pocketful of dollars, Gieseking said: "I can earn enough in Europe." He added, however, that he had never been so badly treated in any other country. "They have been asking for concerts everywhere—in South America, Scandinavia, Portugal, Holland. This is the first time I have not been treated as an artist."—United Press.

Nothing To Fear From Reds?

Geneva, January 25.

Dr. Wu Nan-ju, Chinese Minister in Berne, told the Executive Committee of the International Refugee Organisation (IRO) today that about 6,000 White Russian refugees in China had nothing to fear from the approaching Communist troops.

The Committee was considering a proposal to evacuate the White Russians to the Philippines pending their re-settlement in other countries.

The Chinese delegate claimed that the fact that some White Russians now inside Communist territory had been denied exit visas was not persecution.

The Director General, Mr. William Hallam Tuck, in his report to the Committee, said that most of the White Russians live in very great fear of what might happen to them if there were a radical change in the political situation in China.

He said there were about 1,000 who would be unable to leave because of age or infirmity, and another 1,000 who will not wish to leave Shanghai.

The remaining 4,000 White Russian refugees "are living in a state of mind bordering very closely on panic," he said.

He disclosed that some of the Jewish refugees there had asked for visas to Germany and Austria, and that between 3,000 and 4,000 will be moved to Israel.—Associated Press.

ITALY RECOGNISES ISRAEL GOVT'

London, January 25.

Italy today became the 24th country to recognise Israel. The decision to grant de facto recognition was made by an Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman.—Reuters.

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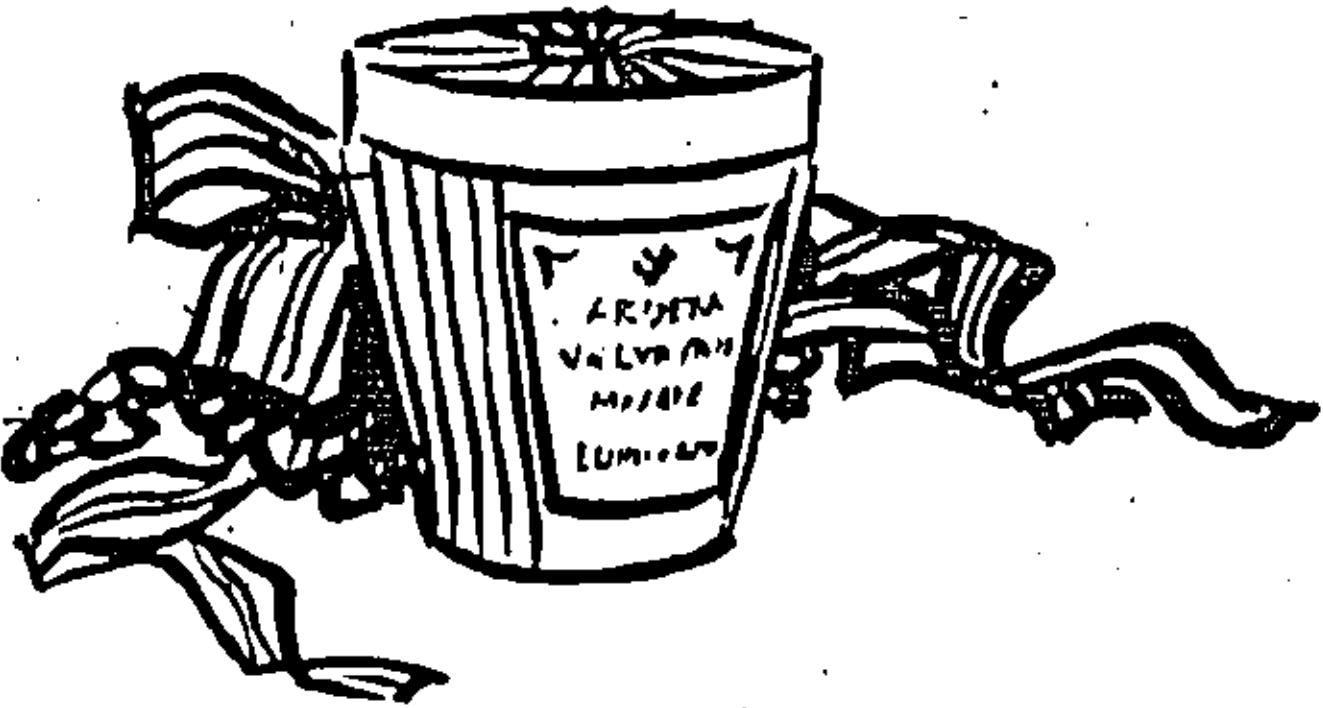


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Discovery Of Rhodes Relics

London, January 25. Treasures valued at £1,000, including diamond earrings and gold pencils, have been discovered in a safe behind a secret panel in St. James Palace.

In addition, the safe contained relics of Cecil Rhodes, the founder of Rhodesia.

The discovery was made by workmen in Selwyn House, the home of Lieutenant Colonel Stanton Starkey of the Grenadier Guards.

Colonel Starkey immediately telephoned the Honourable Mrs. Rochford Maquire, 70-year-old widow of one of Cecil Rhodes' chief lieutenants during the Boer War and a former occupier of Selwyn House.

Mrs. Maquire, however, told him the safe was empty and the key had been lost. Colonel Starkey thereupon had the safe forced open and the treasures taken to Scotland Yard.

The Rhodes relics included telegrams sent by him when he was besieged by the Boers at Kimberley.—Reuter.

MP DEPARTS FOR PALESTINE

London, January 25. Mr. Walter Elliott, Conservative Member of Parliament and former Minister of Health, is to leave for Palestine tomorrow by air to study conditions on the spot.

He will stay in Palestine for a week or 10 days.—Reuter.

India has served notice that it intends to wield a powerful influence in world affairs, Mr. Price Day, the Baltimore Sun expert on Asian affairs, writes today.

This interpretation of the developments at the two-day Asian Conference approximates that widely entertained among diplomatic observers here.

Mr. Day says that considering the situation in the East Indies as seen through Asian eyes, the demands of the conference may be considered minimum demands—remarkable only in their moderation and in the way they were presented.

Furthermore, the demands were made not as an Asian cry of protest against the rest of the world.

In both these facts could be discerned the guiding hand of India and more particularly the influence of the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, who has now taken India openly into a bid for leadership in Asia.

Australia, however, hopes to become a highly industrialized country with its markets in the East. It is also conscious of the fact that its security is closely tied to the security of Asia.

"The other countries are all concerned or have been concerned in recent times with the problem of foreign influence; and it might also be noted they are countries which do not fit comfortably into the concept of a world divided between East and West, meaning essentially the United States and Russia.

"Mr. Nehru sees three great divisions, East and West, as used above, and Asia. Further, he sees Asia as comprising three regions, Eastern Asia or China, Western Asia or the Islamic countries, and Southern Asia, composed of India and the small nations of South East Asia.

"The Indian area, he believed, can act as a stabilizer and guide for the whole.

"From this distance it looks as though the Delhi Conference marks the first occasion on which India has chosen to act. It will probably not be the last."—Reuter.

UN DEFERS ACTION ON U.S. PROPOSAL

Lake Success, January 25. The United Nations Security Council again deferred action on the festering Dutch-Indonesian quarrel today as the Asia conference nations stepped up their campaign to toughen the American-inspired settlement proposal.

Egypt, India and the Philippines, criticising the four-nation resolution as far too easy on the Dutch, urged the Council to take sterner action along the lines laid down by the unprecedented 19-nation New Delhi meeting on Monday.

United Nations observers predicted that the resolute campaign of the Asia conference nations would open the way for some amendments bolstering the proposal put forward jointly by the United States, Norway, Cuba and China.

It was expected that the Ukraine would vote against it and that Russia, Argentina and France would abstain, leaving the plan with just enough supporters to pass.

The Egyptian delegate urged the Council to give the Committee of Good Offices power to order Dutch troop withdrawals from Republican territory instead of merely recommending withdrawals as provided in the blueprint as it now stands.

Sir Benegal Rama Rau of India paid particular attention to the four-nation time-table for transferring sovereignty of the Dominican type to the United States of Indonesia by July 1, 1950. He urged in-

Communism And Colonialism

Manila, January 25. Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, the Philippine delegate to the New Delhi Conference on Indonesia, said here today that Communism was "far more pernicious than colonialism."

"I think one of the most im-

U.S. Pleased With Delhi Conference

Washington, January 26. A U.S. State Department official with wide knowledge of South East Asia said informally yesterday that he and his associates are pleased with the outcome of the New Delhi conference on Indonesia.

"The decisions reached in New Delhi seem to parallel the United Nations and should strengthen the latter's efforts to solve the Indonesian problem," this official said.

He declined to indicate the Department's official position on the New Delhi meeting, saying this would be stated before the UN Security Council.

He said: "It is good the New Delhi meeting did not undertake to consider other issues independently of other nations which also are concerned."

He expressed the belief that the conservatism shown in New Delhi "will contribute to further unity among all nations seeking a Democratic solution for world problems."

Referring to the resolution the New Delhi conference sent the Security Council about Indonesia, the New York Times said editorially. "The resolution is milder than many people expected it to be. At items which the Dutch will find difficult to accept it is calling for military retreat from positions they now occupy. But whatever they choose to do now, they know that their Indonesian policy has been condemned not only by a majority of Western nations, but also by representatives of more than half the human race, meeting at New Delhi."

The Times said caution characterised the New Delhi meeting, "and under the circumstances, caution was understandable."

The newspaper gave these reasons:

stead that the Council adopt the Asia Conference schedule for granting independence to the Indonesians by January 1, 1950.

Sir Benegal warned the Dutch that they had no chance of winning out in the rich Pacific Islands "when the 19 nations of the Asia Conference, and the United States Government and public opinion are behind the guerrillas."—United Press.

"One great Asiatic nation, Japan, still is occupied territory. Another, China, seems to be in the final stages of civil war. Communism is marching Southward. We do not know, and the New Delhi conference did not know, where it will be defeated, or what effect its victories in the Far East will have on the future of Asia. The answer to Communism in the ancient homelands of the human race lies, as elsewhere, in building Democratic systems."—Associated Press.

Fire Razes Buddhist Treasures

Nara, January 26. Thirteen-hundred-year-old Horyuji temple, one of Japan's national treasures, was damaged by fire this morning.

The blaze, which started on the roof of the main hall, destroyed 11 of 12 ancient world-famed pictures of Buddhist paradise.

The temple was built in 588. Various additions were made throughout the ensuing centuries.

Pictures of Buddha and his entourage were painted as murals on the clay-coated mud walls of the temple, which is believed to be one of the oldest wooden structures in the world.

The fire did not damage the temple's 900-year-old lecture hall or the 500-year-old South Gate.

The fire started from an overheated fluorescent lamp which was being used as illumination by painters copying the murals.

One Japanese reaction to the fire was:

"The Americans avoided bombing Horyuji and were careful of our temples. Then the Japanese burn it themselves."—Associated Press.

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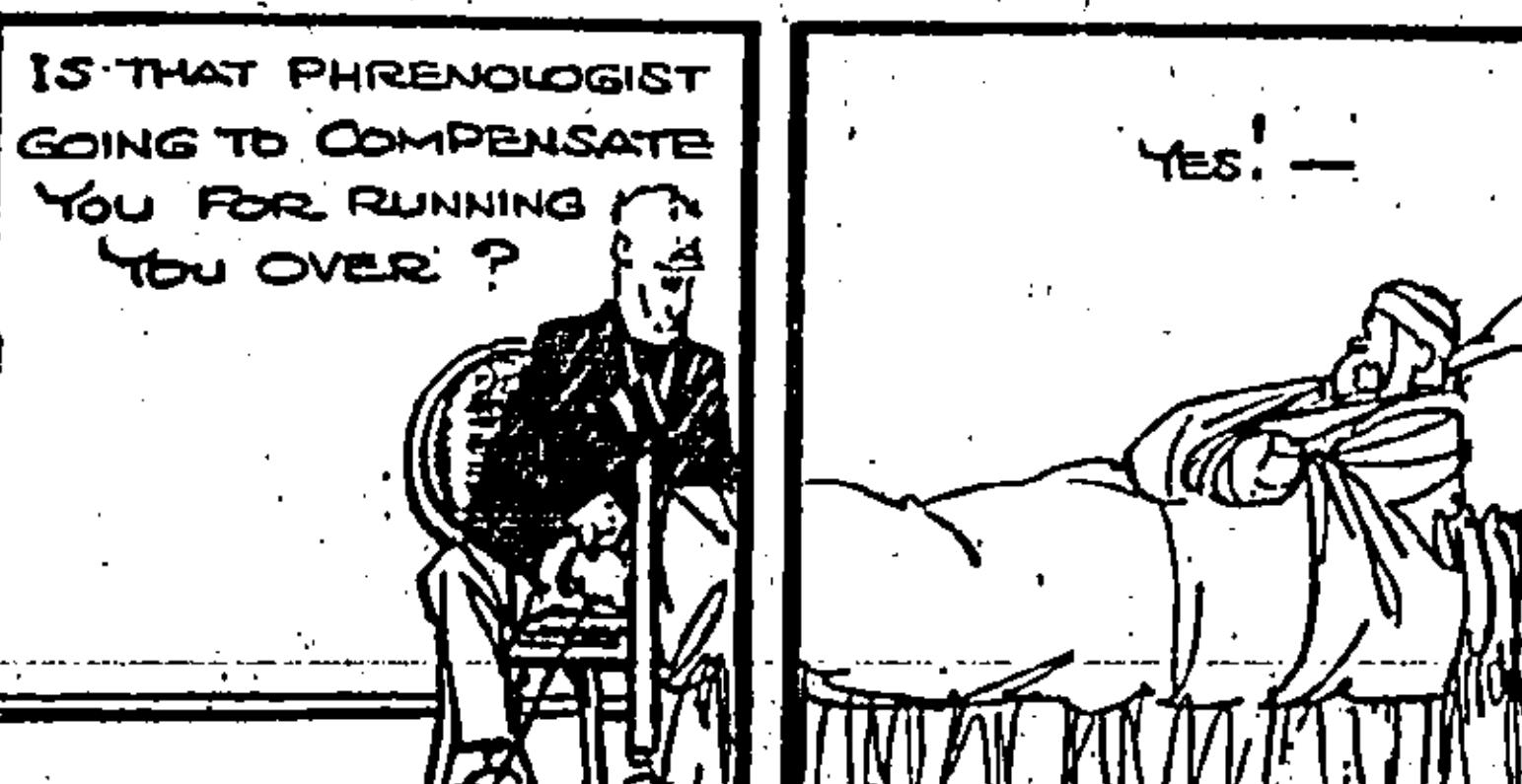
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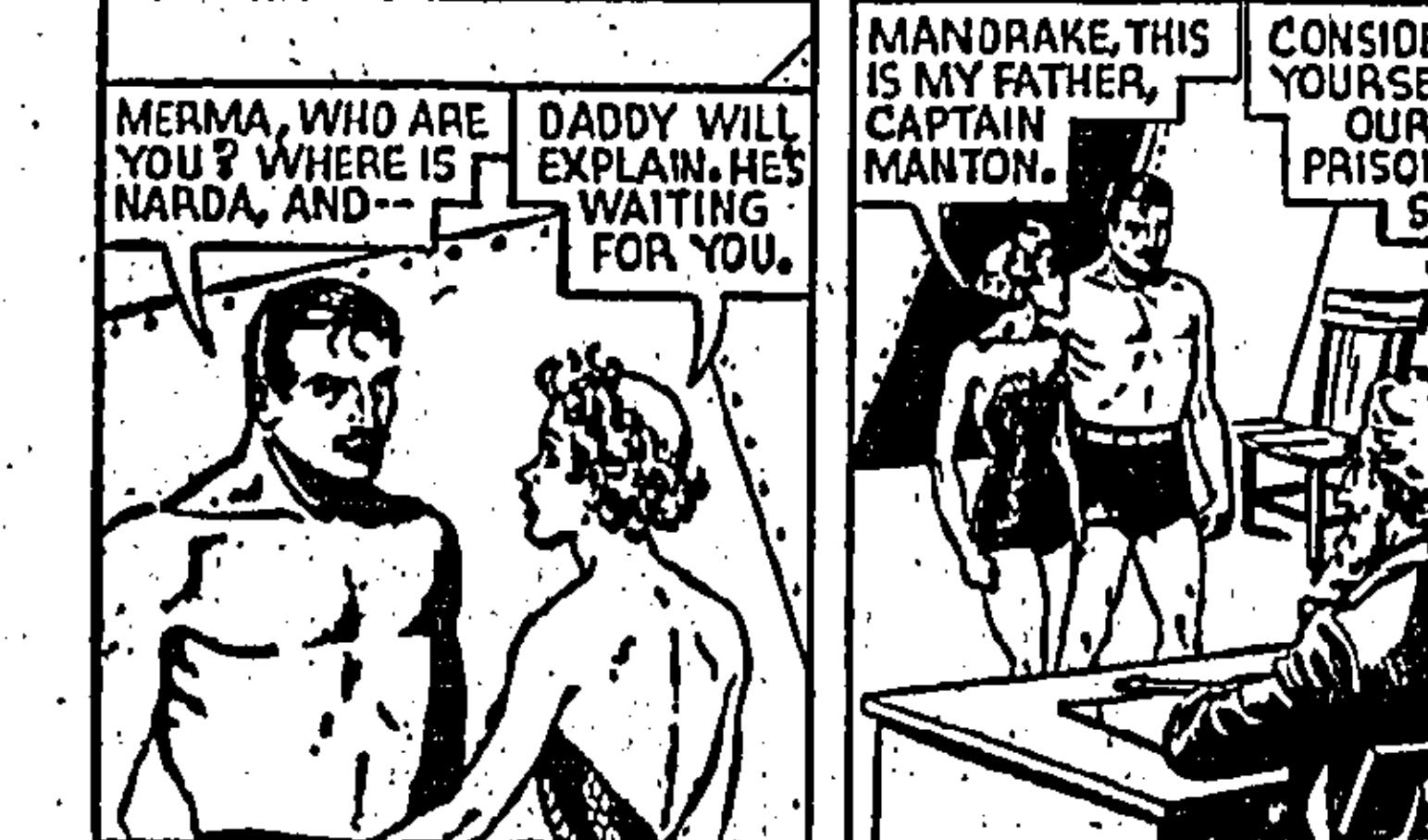
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"YOCHOW"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 3rd Feb.
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"YOCHOW"	Bangkok, Salton & Swatow	29/30th Jan.
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Woman's Story In
Warders' Case

Fung Yuk, wife of Ho Luk, informed the Court yesterday that she made payments to warders from Victoria Remand Prison because her husband had told her if she did not pay up he would be assaulted.

She was giving evidence at the continued hearing of extortions charges against Timothy Din, Gussy Maria dos Santos and Supto Ahmed, warders of Victoria Remand Prison, and Jose, Maria Dias Azevedo, a former warder of the same prison. They were charged on 11 counts of demanding money with menaces, corruption in office and conspiracy.

The four were alleged to have obtained various sums of money

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Photographic Society
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The Hong Kong Photographic Society reported an increase of 15 members on the roll at its Annual Meeting at the Cafe Wiseman yesterday evening.

There are at present 137 names on the active list of the society. During the last year, 46 new members were admitted, of whom one withdrew after election. Due to departures from the Colony, 30 names have been removed from the roster.

The life members of the society now number 27.

Mr. Fung Ping-fan was elected President, Mr. Francis Wu and Mr. Ernest To Vice-Presidents of the Society, Mr. L. Jackson and Mr. J. Charles Thompson were elected Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian respectively.

Council members are, Mr. Lau Cho-chak and Mr. S.K. Yuen.

Awards were distributed by Mrs. F. W. Watson: President's Cup; Dr. Ernest To; Craftsman's Cup (Advanced Class); Mr. Lai Yat-jung; Runner-up Cup; Mr. S.K. Yuen; China Mail Cup; Mr. Yeap Shing-jung; Vice-President's Cup; Mr. Jimmy Leung Ho; Craftsman's Cup; (Intermediate Class); Mr. Ma Wing-hung; Special Subjects (Doors and Windows); Mr. S.K. Yuen; (Tables); Mrs. K. Watson; (Portrait of a Member) Mrs. F. Wu.

The month's awards went to Dr. Ernest To and Mr. Wong Ching-pui.

A proposal that every member shall send in a minimum of nine 6" x 7" prints a year was carried.

ART EXHIBIT

The Hong Kong Art Club's sixth monthly exhibition will be held between 3rd and 7 p.m. today at the Hong May Institute.

Members of the Club are to send in their exhibits between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Club's annual general meeting will also be held today at 5 p.m. at the Institute.

CLOSING TIMES

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"VAN HEUTSZ"	In port	to Swatow, Amoy, Manila 4th Feb.
"TJISADANE"	from Macassar & Javaports 4th Feb.	to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb.

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	Arrivals	Sailings
"BUYS"	In port	to South Africa 23rd February

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

GERMANS HAVE HIGHER LIVING STANDARD THAN ENGLISHMEN

Frankfurt, January 25.

Things are so tough for the average German middle-class family that another cut in the standard of living will drive it right down to the British level.

London Stock Exchange

London, January 25. There were but few items of interest in the London Stock Exchange today to relieve the critical winter of peace, the spectre of a decline to the austerity existence of victorious Britain is haunting the head of many of a German household.

Already Germans are seeing the first signs of such an economic retreat. The new Western-backed currency is beginning to deteriorate. Cigarettes generally held quietly steady at previous closing levels, but some firmness was to be seen in industrial stocks.

Tobacco and textiles responded to small demand and showed improvements; cement stocks notched gains of a few pence. Irons and steels, however, were held lower.

Institutional support for very abbreviated gilt-edged stocks resulted in fractional gains in these issues. Others remained steady but with few undertones.

Palestine peace prospects brought in buyers of oil shares. Anglo-American were among them, with improvement in Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields.

Central European issues in the foreign bond section moved slightly higher. Foreign rails spent an idle day with few changes of note.

Irregular was seen in South African minings. Dividend payers were better on small buyers, but developers were out of small and generally easier on drilling sales from Cape and local operators.

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Gold Yuan was quoted at 2.0 cents for Hong Kong, 2.0 cents for 2.4 cents for Canton remittances and 2.2 cents for Shanghai remittances.

Plastics opened at HK\$60.00 a 100 and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Ticals opened at HK\$24.20 a 100 and closed at \$24.30.

NEW: Gold, Ticals, closed at HK\$31.50 a 100 after opening at \$32.

Sterling dropped to HK\$15.50 and Australian pounds were quoted at HK\$12.50.

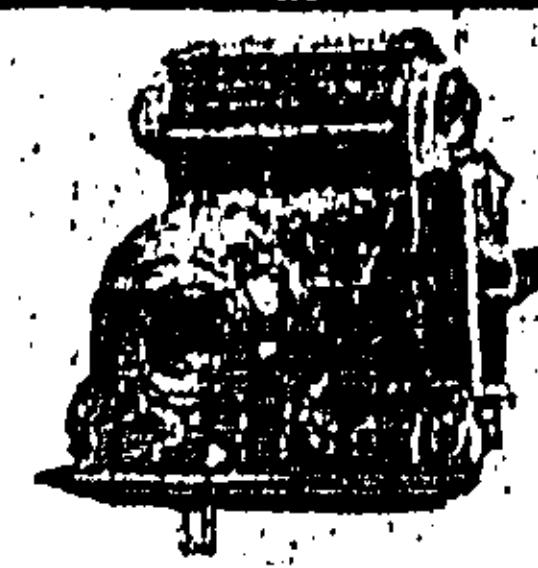
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DERBY TO MEET ARSENAL IN BEST FOURTH ROUND CUP GAME

(By 'ALCYDES')

Chinese May Not Play

The "China Mail" has been informed that Chinese players who have been selected to take part in the soccer games against Saigon over the Chinese New Year holidays have indicated to the HKFA that they will not be able to take part in the games which have been arranged.

Discontent over recent happenings on the field is said to be the cause behind the decision of the Chinese players.

Interport Team From Saigon

The Saigon Interport Soccer XI and officials arrived by Air France yesterday afternoon.

They were met at Kai Tak Airport by members of the HKFA Entertainment Committee comprising Messrs. A.J. Hussain (Chairman), J. C. Gulmann, Dave Leonard and Teddy Yip.

At 4.30 p.m. a reception in honour of the visitors was held at the Griggs, Hong Kong Hotel, where they were welcomed by members of the Hong Kong Football Association.

The following are the officials and players who arrived:

Mr. Goldmann (Team Manager), Mr. Mu (Assistant Team Manager) and Mr. Nguyen Phuoc Vong.

Messrs. Paclini (Captain), Vajco, Danh, Quyen, Hau, Nga, Guchard, Dao, Tho, Duc, Trong, Dernera, Quoi, Tu and Alexandre.

Korean Eleven Leaving

The Korean Soccer XI, which returned to Hong Kong from Macao yesterday afternoon, is leaving for Korea this afternoon by ss. Kumchon.

While in Macao, the Koreans played a Combined Macao XI in a Charity match and won by three clear goals.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, Mr. Paul J. C. Hyen, Manager of the Korean team, spoke highly of the sportsmanship of the Portuguese players and of the excellent treatment accorded the team during their brief stay in the Portuguese Colony.

While at Saigon, the Koreans beat Saigon "B" by four goals to two, shared six goals with Saigon "A" and beat Combined Services by five clear goals.

The Koreans played four matches in Hong Kong with the following results: beat Hong Kong 5-2, lost to Combined Chinese 3-2, lost to Non-Chinese 3-2 and beat Hong Kong 4-2.

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Sixteen Fourth Round ties are due for decision on Saturday. Third Division clubs out of the tourney have a full league programme while First and Second leagues who have been eliminated will be arranging friendly games.

Manchester United, the holders, receive Bradford PA, and it looks like a home win to me. Bradford knocked out the Arsenal last year and have eliminated Newcastle this season, thus assuming a Cup reputation for "giant killing."

Manchester United, however, are a great side and at the moment are joint favourites for the trophy with Portsmouth. Try as Bradford will, I don't think they will overcome the "Carey Gang". Give Manchester to win this tie.

Shuttlecock Wednesday are due at Fratton Park to do battle with Portsmouth. The First League leaders, who have only conceded eight home goals, are unbeaten in league games this season, and it is unlikely that the Wednesday will alter events. Everything points to this game being a real thriller with the home side winning a hard fought game.

Derby County are at home to the Arsenal and the former must be confident about the outcome of this tie. They were the only team to take four points from the Gunners last season and have claimed three this season.

BADMINTON TOURNEY

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Badminton Association yesterday, it was decided that the Colony Open Championships be held again this year.

Entries, which should be submitted through Club representatives, are now being invited for the following events:

Men's Open Singles Championship.

Men's Open Doubles Championship.

Open Mixed Doubles Championship.

Ladies' Singles Championship.

Junior Men's Singles.

Junior Men's Doubles.

Junior Mixed Doubles.

Entrance fees are \$10.00 for Men's Singles events, \$5.00 for Men's and Mixed Doubles events, \$5.00 for Ladies' Singles events and \$10.00 for Ladies' Doubles events.

Any resident in the Colony, not being a member of any Club affiliated to the Badminton Association, may enter the Tournament on payment of \$2 in addition to the entrance fees.

Such entries may be made to either of the following:

Mr. David Kwok, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Singon and Co., Hing Lung Street, or Mr. M. A. Oliveira, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

Entries close on Friday, February 11 and the Tournament starts on Monday, February 28.

'Y' HOCKEY XI

The following have been selected to represent the European YMCA in a hockey match against Pakistan on Saturday, January 29, on the YMCA ground at 10 a.m.

Clarke, Gibbons, Boycott, D. Ingalls, Readman, Smead, Blenkinton, A. Ingalls, Lepisty, Robertson and Slater.

Umpire: Gorley. Colours: White.

Interport Team Ready For Macao Game

(By KIMBERLEY)

The Colony's interport hockey XI scored a 3 to 0 win against the Combined Services in a practice game at Sookpukong yesterday.

To some this may be taken as an answer to the criticism of the hockey selectors' choice, depending upon how one regards the team which faced the interports.

Yesterday's exhibition of hockey was, for the most part, mediocre, with occasional flashes of brilliant manoeuvres.

The Services' attack, however, combining with the forwards, had their opponents' well-peged ball, and were prevented from scoring only by the activities of Willie Reed, at centre half, and particularly by the block defences of both Nery and Singh, permitting Lahl Singh to score.

In this manner, the ball was vigorously contested over a large area of the field, and for some 20 minutes neither side was able to score.

Settles Down

The interport team then finally got settled, and began to take a larger share of the scoring.

Police Hunting For 'Properly Myall Men'

Darwin, January 26. An Australian police patrol is hunting Stone Age aboriginal killers in the remotest interior of Central Arnhem Land, Australia's wild unexplored "Never Never" country in the Northern Territory.

"Civilised" natives derisively describe the tribe in this area as "properly myall" or "stone men."

The killers murdered a legendary native leader, Ralwala, renowned among the aborigines for his battle against exploitation by the whites and for his prowess as a hunter, singer and athlete. Under him natives unprecedentedly grew their own gardens in Arnhem Land.

Native canoes brought the news to a Methodist Mission on isolated Millingimbi Island—"Ralwala dead. Him bin finish."—United Press.

Local Solicitors Form Reform Club

An association registered as the Reform Club of Hong Kong has been formed in the Colony by a group of local barristers-at-law and solicitors.

The first public meeting of the Club will take place on February 25 at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 5.30 p.m.

Members of the community interested in the objects of the Club are invited to attend.

The objects of the Club follow:

To assist in creating a healthy public opinion and by constructive criticism to assist the Government of Hong Kong.

To devise ways and means of arousing and stimulating interest in public affairs in the Colony and its Dependencies.

To do everything possible by constructive criticism to bring about improvement in the machinery of Government of Hong Kong and to aim always at increasing the moral prestige of the Government.

To devise ways and means of ensuring closer contact between Government and the citizen.

To do everything possible to assist Government and Legislature in grappling with the exceptional circumstances of Hong Kong so that they will at all times command general public support and approval.

To do everything possible to assist Government and Legislature in ensuring that at all times it shall be fully informed of public opinion on all aspects of current problems, and while recognising the present necessity for a Government majority in such Legislature, to use all means available to ensure that the Official Members of the Legislature are able to speak for and adequately represent public opinion.

Ability in Public Affairs

To do everything possible to find and encourage ability in public affairs.

To support always reasonable freedom of speech.

To provide a platform for persons anxious to advocate sound constructive reform.

To take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that responsible public opinion in Hong Kong is adequately represented in the Mother Country and to arrange for and maintain a direct liaison through a Member of Parliament.

To devise ways and means of ensuring constructive criticism of the Colony's budget requirements.

To advocate a generous educational system and give open and organised support to such well-considered schemes of social amelioration as seem practicable.

The Club has been incorporated in Hong Kong with its registered office on the third floor of Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

Members of the first Committee are Mr. C. E. Lescby (Chairman), Mrs. L. A. Calcraft, Messrs. Brook, Bernacchi, F. C. Cleme, J. M. D'Almeida Remedios, Y. K. Kan, Mr. Man-fai, R. Pestonji, C. A. Russ, the Reverend Mr. George She, M. A. da Silva and T. A. Martin (Honorary Secretary).

Applications for membership may be made to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J. L. MacIntyre.

The annual general meeting of the Filippin Club will be held on Sunday at the Club's premises, King's Park, at 1.30 p.m.

The Club's statement of account which will be presented for consideration at the meeting shows an excess income over expenditure of HK\$4,025.98 as compared with HK\$120,71 the previous year.

The annual report says that membership now totals 174.

BOAC SALE

Two of the 147 of the fleet of BOAC flying boats have been re-sold to the makers, Short Bros. and Marland, Limited, of Belfast. It was officially announced yesterday.

The sale, in addition to the 12 flying-boats sold to the Aquila Airways of London and Southampton.

Weighing about 30 tons each, the double-decker flying-boats were introduced to aid in keeping open the Empire air routes during the war. Each of the 147 has flown an average of 1,000,000 miles.

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BRITAIN LOOKS FOR ANOTHER TOMMY HANLEY

London, January 26. Britain's top radio shows began an intense competition among themselves this week for the coveted position at the top of the popularity poll.

Left vacant by the death of Tommy Handley, the nation's Number 1 Air Jester, Hanley, mourned with the headlines and ceremony reserved for great national figures, took his weekly "Itma (It's That Man Again)" show with him to the grave, leaving a big gap for the British Broadcasting Corporation to fill.

With 20 million fans seeking a new favourite, other radio comedians tightened up their script and put extra zing into their acts.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, spending £2,34,000 a year on its artists and speakers, is silent about what it pays to individual stars, but Handley is believed to have been the highest-paid comedian, with an income somewhere between £10,000 and £15,000 a year.

Visitors from other countries who listen to Britain's regular radio shows may find it difficult at times to appreciate the humour that sets studio audiences roaring.

Comedians have found that the handle-bar moustache man in this country is a sure mirth provoker. It has now practically replaced the sausages as the professional comic's standard.

Each radio show has its own set of catch phrases which have passed into common usage. If people for no apparent reason adopt a "lumberjack" voice and say "It's a groggy" or "What does it matter which you do as long as you feel 'em up," the fault is not few psychiatrists but too many radios.

Princess Elizabeth's first outing after the birth of her son was to a studio performance of this show. Undaunted by the presence of the Queen, the Princess and the Duke of Edinburgh, Murdoch and Horne wove many friendly jokes about Royalty.

The "Stand Easy" show built around the cockney comedian, Charlie Chester, specialises in a quick-fire brand of madness. Its crazies character, "Whippet Quick, the cat burglar" has become a national by-word.

Sophisticated Show

Climbing rapidly in popularity is a comparatively new show, "Take It from Here," with the Australian comedian Dick Bentley partnered by Jimmy Edwards and another versatile Australian, Joy Nichols.

This is by far the most sophisticated show of all, satirising life in the theatre and personalities with an acid wit.

Taking the place of "Itma" as the Thursday night radio high-spot is "Twenty questions".

Most phenomenally successful of all British's radio shows is "Have a Go". With a pianist and no script, Yorkshireman Wilfred Pickles visits small towns all over the country, gets their inhabitants on to the platform, and builds an entertainment out of their wit and opinions about their lives, loves, and hopes.

All these shows have big followings, but none of them stars has reached Tommy Handley's stature as national figure.

A statue big enough to entitle him to a memorial service in St. Paul's Cathedral—Reuter.

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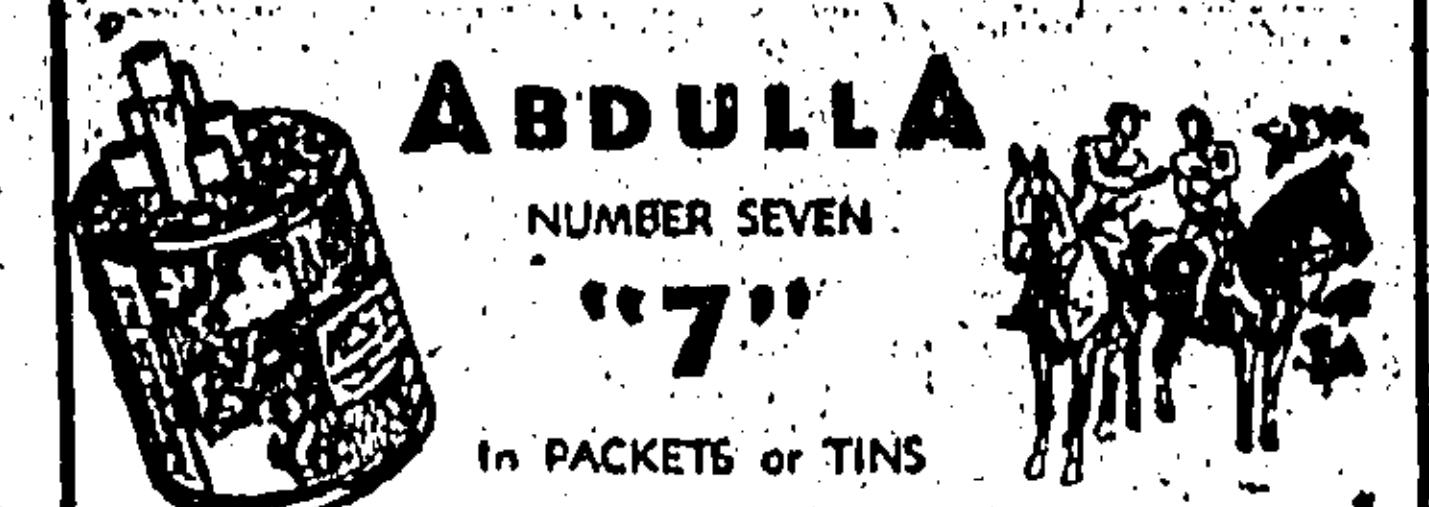
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